(f) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor and what is the rationale for not closing down the Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The financial performance of the company during the last five years was as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Net profit(+)/Net loss(-)
1988-89	(+) 1.21
1989-90	(-) 1.24
1990-91	(+) 0.20
1991-92	(+) 0.24
1992-93	(-) 8.29

(c) and (d) There was a solitary case of unauthorised removal of fertilizers by PPCi's warehousing agent in West Bengal during the year 1991-92. The matter was reported to Burdwan Police. Departmental action as well as criminal/ civil proceedings have been initiated.

(e) and (f) The company is having mine sites on lease in the States of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The mines taken on lease in the States of Bihar and U.P. are working satisfactorily. However, the Pyrites/Pyrrohtite mines in Rajasthan are not being operated because their economic viability to produce sulphuric acid has not been established in the changed scenario of decontrol of phosphatic fertilizers. The staff numbering 51 at Rajasthan mines are being utilised to look after the existing establishment.

Scrapping of Namrup-I & II Units of HFC

455. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for scrapping of Namrup I & II units of HFC and selling of its Haldia, Durgapur and Barauni units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken in this regard.

Self-sufficiency in Fertiliser Production

456. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what it the country's requirement for Nitrogen and Phosphate Fertilisers and how much such fertilisers are being produced in the country and how much are being imported;

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange spent on such import;

(c) what was the target date to become self-sufficient in fertiliser production and why it has not been achieved so far; and

(d) whether India will become self-sufficient in fertiliser production and what steps are being taken for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The likely consumption, production and import of Nitrogen and Phosphate during the current year (1993- 94) are as under:—

Nutrient	Likely consumption	Likely Production	Likely Imports
Nitrogen	94.20	73.0	15.44
Phosphate	28.43	18.3	7.36

Note: There are also carry-over stocks of the previous year.